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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S LETTER

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1. WE WERE CONFUSED BY STATEMENT IN REF A THAT PHRASE "NEAR FUTURE" IN ORIGINAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO KYPRIANOU WAS OMITTED BY THE TEXT TRANSMITTED REF B. AS REF C WAS RECEIVED HERE THE FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THE LETTER WERE AS FOLLOWS:

" I APPRECIATE YOUR READINESS TO MEET WITH ME TO DISCUSS HOW RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED, AND I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDER STAND THAT MY SCHEDULE PRECLUDES A DIRECT MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

"AT THE SAME TIME OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENGAGE IN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE IMPORTANT PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD. SECRETARY VANCE HAS TOLD ME THAT HE SPOKE WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE ON FEBRUARY 26 AND WAS ABLE TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAD ARISEN. I KNOW THAT OFFICIALS OF MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU; AND I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TURN TO AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD -- AND HIS SUCCESSOR AMBASSADOR STONE-- TO CONVEY TO US YOUR CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS AND TO SEEK INFORMATION AND ADVICE."

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2. THEREFORE, WHEN REF B WAS RECEIVED WITH INSTRUCTION TO CHANGE LAST PARA ... THE TEXT BEGINNING WITH "AT THE SAME TIME OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS..." FINAL TEXT OF LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS AS REVISED READ AS FOLLOWS:

"I APPRECIATE YOUR READINESS TO MEET WITH ME TO DISCUSS HOW RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED, AND I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND

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THAT MY SCHEDULE PRECLUDES A DIRECT MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

" I ENJOYED MEETING WITH YOU IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS HOW RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE FURTHER IMPROVED, AND I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENGAGE IN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN THE IMPORTANT PERIOD THAT LIES AHEAD. SECRETARY VANCE HAS TOLD ME THAT HE SPOKE WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE ON FEBRUARY 26 AND WAS ABLE TO CLEAR UP CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT HAD ARISEN. I KNOW THAT OFFICIALS OF MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU; AND I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO TURN TO AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD--AND HIS SUCCESSOR AMBASSADOR STONE-- TO CONVEY TO US YOUR CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS AND TO SEEK INFORMATION AND ADVICE.

3. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT RAISE THE MATTER FURTHER WITH ROLANDIS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE SITUATION SURROUNDING PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION PACKAGE ON EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH ROLANDIS IF NECESSARY IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS UNLESS HE RAISES THE QUESTION WITH US.
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